## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

## <u>ORDER GRANTING CONTINUANCE</u> AND AMENDING SCHEDULING ORDER

The matters before the court is Defendant's Unopposed Motion for Continuance filed *Sunday, February 07, 2016 [doc. #34]*, after reviewing the motion, it is the opinion of the Court that the trial in this case should be and is continued.

The Court further finds that the period between *Tuesday, February 23, 2016 and Monday, April 04, 2016*, is a reasonable period of necessary delay to allow counsel time for preparation for trial and further finds that such period shall be excluded from the time within which the defendant must be brought to trial and that the ends of justice served by taking such action outweighs the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial under the Speedy Trial Act pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(7)(A).

This case shall proceed on the following amended schedules:

Pursuant to Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 11(e)(5) and the holding of the

Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in <u>United States of America v. Ellis</u>, 547 F.2d 863 (5th Cir. 1977), the *deadline* for notifying the Court of any *plea bargain* or *plea agreement* entered into by the parties in this cause is *Thursday, March 24, 2016*. The Court will not accept a plea agreement after the aforementioned deadline. Should a plea agreement be reached and filed in this case and absent written objection filed contemporaneously therewith, this case will be referred to a United States Magistrate Judge for the purpose of administering the plea of guilty and the Fed. R. Crim. P. 11 allocution, subject to final approval and the imposition of sentence by the United States District Court.

## **PRETRIAL MATTERS**

Motions in Limine shall be filed on Thursday, March 10, 2016.

Responses to motions in limine shall be filed on Thursday, March 24, 2016.

Jury selection and trial are reset for Monday, April 04, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in Courtroom Number One, on the First Floor of the, John H. Wood, Jr. United States Courthouse, 655 East Cesar E. Chavez Blvd., San Antonio, Texas.

copy of this order to counsel for the defendant, the United States Attorney, the
United States Pretrial Services and the United States Probation Office. *Counsel*for the defendant shall also notify the defendant of this schedule and advise the defendant that he must be present for all court proceedings unless excused by the

Court.

Signed this 8th day of February, 2016

ORLANDO L GARCIA

CHIEF U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE